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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 4284

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PBOR, PINS, ET, SO  
SUBJECT: SIGNS PEOPLE'S MILITIA TO BE DEPLOYED IMMINENTLY

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SUMMARY: DESPITE EXPECTATIONS PEOPLE'S MILITIA IN  
TRAINING AT TATEK MEDA CAMP NEAR ADDIS WOULD BE  
DEPLOYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER JUNE 25 DEMONSTRATION AND  
SUBSEQUENT RUMORS ALLEGING SUCH HAD BEEN CASE,  
RELIABLE SOURCE BELIEVES MILITIA HAD NOT BEEN DEPLOYED  
AS OF JULY 10. HOWEVER THERE INDICATIONS NECESSARY  
LOGISTIC PREPARATIONS TO SEND MILITIA TO FIELD HAVE  
BEGUN, AND THAT MAJOR DEPLOYMENT COULD OCCUR SHORTLY.  
END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING JUNE 25 MILITIA PARADE, RUMORS  
CIRCULATED IN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY THAT MILITIA HAD  
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BEGUN MOVING TO FIELD NEXT DAY. CONFUSION MAY HAVE  
BEEN CAUSED BY PROBABLE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW FLAME  
TROOPS, WHO REPORTEDLY HAD COMPLETED SIX-MONTH  
TRAINING BY END OF JUNE. AS OF JULY 10, RELIABLE  
SOURCE CLAIMS PEOPLE'S MILITIA STILL BEING TRAINED  
AT TATEL MEDA CAMP.

2. HOWEVER, DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATIONS IN ERITREA AND OGADEN REGIONS, WHICH HAVE ACCELERATED PAST WEEK, HAVE AROUSED SPECULATION AGAIN THAT DEPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE'S MILITIA IMMINENT. DURING DAY JULY 11, LARGE GROUP (BETWEEN 150-200) 5-TON, SHALLOW-BED COMMERCIAL TRUCKS ARRIVED AND PARKED AT OLD AIRPORT IN ADDIS, WHICH USED AS STAGING AREA FOR JUNE 25 MILITIA PARADE. MORNING JULY 13 TRUCKS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. ASSUMPTION WOULD BE TRUCKS, WHICH NORMALLY IN USE FULL TIME COMMERCIALY, BEING DIVERTED TO MOVE MILITIA.

3. WE UNDERSTAND ALL ADDIS ABABA HOSPITALS HAVE SUBMITTED LISTS OF DOCTORS, NURSES, AND DRESSERS (BETWEEN 1/4 AND 1/3 OF STAFF), AT PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) REQUEST, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY MILITIA TO FIELD. RUMOR THAT SOME PERSONNEL HAVE ALREADY BEGUN MOVING MAY BE SLIGHTLY PREMATURE.  
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